

Special Education Licensure Changes

AB 395 in the last legislative session created a separate category of licensure to teach special education. Also, the Commission on Professional Standards made several changes concerning special education endorsements during the 2010/2011 session.

- Starting September 19, 2011, new applicants for special education licensing will now receive a special education license with the following special education endorsements to choose from:
 - Adaptive Physical Education;
 - Autism;
 - Early Childhood Developmental Delayed;
 - Generalist;
 - Limited Generalist;
 - Gifted and Talented;
 - Hearing Impairments;
 - Intellectual Disabilities (Formally Mental Retardation);
 - Speech and Language Impairments;
 - Visual Impairments; and
 - Orientation and Mobility.
- Starting September 19, 2011, applicants will not be able to add the following special education endorsements:
 - Health Impairments;
 - Orthopedic Impairments;
 - Serious Emotional Disturbances;
 - Specific Learning Disabilities; and
 - Traumatic Brain Injury.

The above endorsements have been combined under the Generalist endorsement.